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Identical letters dated 9 January 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to draw to your attention the following information:

On the morning of Tuesday, 9 January 2018, the Israeli occupation authorities, once again, launched three rocket attacks at the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic. Coming at the start of the Christian new year, these attacks confirm beyond any doubt that Israel is pursuing a hostile approach that will cause the region to blow up and will only compound the difficult circumstances that it faces. Israel is doing all this in the service of its objectives of providing support for terrorism, perpetuating its occupation of Arab territory, and raising the morale of the terrorist organizations. That morale has plummeted following painful blows inflicted by the Syrian Arab Army in response to treacherous attacks carried out by those terrorist organizations in the Harasta area in the eastern Ghutah and the launch of over 200 missiles and mortar shells at residential neighbourhoods and suburbs of Damascus.

The repeated Israeli attacks against the Syrian Arab Republic have not and will not succeed in protecting the terrorist organizations — chief among them the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and Nusrah Front organizations — that are Israel's partners and proxies. Neither will those attacks divert the Syrian Arab Army from continuing to achieve gains in combating terrorism in numerous parts of the Syrian Arab Republic, as it has most recently done in Idlib and Qunaytirah governorates.

The Israeli occupation authorities would not be able to continually violate Security Council resolution 350 (1974) on the separation of forces and other Security Council resolutions and international counter-terrorism instruments were it not for the unconstrained support of the United States administration. That support provides Israel with immunity from accountability and allows it to continue to engage in State terrorism against the peoples of the region and threaten peace and security in the region and the world.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic reiterates its warning to Israel about the dangerous consequences of its attacks against the Syrian Arab Republic and its continued support for armed terrorist groups, and holds Israel fully responsible for those actions. Syria once again calls on the Security Council to condemn these flagrant Israeli attacks, and calls for resolute and immediate measures to be taken under the Charter of the United Nations to stop these attacks and hold Israel accountable for them.



I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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